ſociety undermines both, by beating out the ſolid gold of virtue, till it becomes only the tinſel-covering of vice; for whilſt wealth renders a man more reſpectable than virtue, wealth will be ſought before virtue; and, whilſt women's perſons are careſſed, when a childiſh ſimper ſhews an abſence of mind—the mind will lie fallow. Yet, true voluptuouſneſs muſt proceed from the mind—for what can equal the ſenſations produced by mutual affection, ſupported by mutual reſpect? What are the cold, or feveriſh careſſes of appetite, but ſin embracing death, compared with the modeſt overflowings of a pure heart and exalted imagination? Yes, let me tell the libertine of fancy when he deſpiſes underſtanding in woman—that the mind, which he diſregards, gives life to the enthuſiaſtic affection from which rapture, ſhort-lived as it is, alone can flow! And, that, without virtue, a ſexual attachment muſt expire, like a tallow candle in the ſocket, creating intolerable diſguſt. To prove this, I need only obſerve, that men who have waſted great part of their lives with women, and with whom they have ſought for pleaſure with eager thirſt, entertain the meaneſt opinion of the ſex.—Virtue, true refiner of joy!

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—if fooliſh men were to fright thee from earth, in order to give looſe to all their appetites without a check—ſome ſenſual wight of taſte would ſcale the heavens to invite thee back, to give a zeſt to pleaſure!

That women at preſent are by ignorance rendered fooliſh or vicious, is, I think, not to be diſputed; and, that the moſt ſalutary effects tending to improve mankind might be expected from a REVOLUTION in female manners, appears, at leaſt, with a face of probability, to riſe out of the obſervation. For as marriage has been termed the parent of thoſe endearing charities which draw man from the brutal herd, the corrupting intercourſe that wealth, idleneſs, and folly, produce between the ſexes, is more univerſally injurious to morality than all the other vices of mankind collectively conſidered. To adulterous luſt the moſt ſacred duties are ſacrificed, becauſe before marriage, men, by a promiſcuous intimacy with women, learned to conſider love as a ſelfiſh gratification—learned to ſeparate it not only from eſteem, but from the affection merely built on habit, which mixes a little humanity with it. Juſtice and friendſhip are alſo ſet at defiance, and that purity of taſte is vitiated which

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